

Subject: Re: Homeless encampments/ tent cities in Valley Plaza Park (North Hollywood)

From: Mayor UHRC <uhrc@lacity.org>

Date: 2/7/19, 9:15 PM

To: Morgan Sutton <morgan.sutton@lacity.org>

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Adding UHRC managers and staff.

Thanks.

Brian

On Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 4:30 PM Morgan Sutton <morgan.sutton@lacity.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you all well!

R&P Captain Torres has informed our office there are large and growing encampments along the CalTrans property next to Valley Plaza Park (6911 Laurelgrove Ave, 91605) (https://www.scribblemaps.com/maps/view/Valley_Plaza_/fFqYv714bW).

The park itself has been clear of encampments for some time, but the individuals in these encampments have been conducting suspicious activities (see email chain below).

Reports have been placed with CalTrans, but it sounds like a larger concerted effort may be necessary for this location. Would you mind assisting?

I've CC'ed Capt Torres on this email if you need to follow up with him and his teams.

Please let me know if there's anything our office can do to help.

Best,

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<https://docs.google.com/a/lacity.org/uc?id=0B3uo9yav0dUuaml1RkJnM25zV00&export=download>

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Re: Homeless encampments/ tent cities in Valley ...

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From: Albert Torres <albert.torres@lacity.org <mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org>> >
Date: Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 8:46 PM
Subject: Re: Homeless encampments/ tent cities in Valley Plaza Park (North Hollywood)
To: Travis Woods <traviswoods2882@gmail.com <mailto:traviswoods2882@gmail.com>> >
Cc: Wayne Neal <wayne.neal@lacity.org <mailto:wayne.neal@lacity.org>> >, Morgan Sutton <morgan.sutton@lacity.org <mailto:morgan.sutton@lacity.org>> >, Lorraine Diaz <Lorraine.Diaz@lacity.org <mailto:Lorraine.Diaz@lacity.org>> >

Sir,

We have removed encampments at Valley Plaza Park and vicinity since Monday, in preparation of a VIP Event at the Recreation Center. I assigned one of our park ranger officers to look at the area in question and write a synopsis of his observations. As follows.

North of Vanowen, (Library Side) we found 7 encampments all which were on the other side of the fence at the freeway property, which is Caltrans jurisdiction. i included some pictures of those encampments along the freeway. These are extremely large encampments and have probably not been removed in a long time. There were no encampments on the park side.

Here is an aerial of the section of the park north of Vanowen, east of the 170 freeway.

https://www.scribblemaps.com/maps/view/Valley_Plaza_/fFgYv714bW

See attached photos.

Action Items

- * We are submitting an official service request to Caltrans on their website
- * We will invite Caltrans to join us in addressing this problem by conducting a removal operation operation on a designated future date.
- * We will include homeless services folks LAHSA to first outreach to all homeless people there
- * We are requesting the assistance of all other agencies - LAPD North Hollywood, LAPD HOPE, City Attorney, Council Office, Mayor's Office, Recreation and Parks, LA County Mental Health.
- * Our strategy must be holistic to the entire park, north of Victory and South of Sherman Way and west of 170.

Albert Torres

Captain
Park Rangers

Re: Homeless encampments/ tent cities in Valley ...

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On Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 1:33 PM Travis Woods <traviswoods2882@gmail.com>
<<mailto:traviswoods2882@gmail.com>> > wrote:

Hello Mr. Torres--

Just following up to let you know the homeless encampments still remain at Valley Plaza Park in North Hollywood, and are in fact spreading--now they are not only on the Cal Trans property of the fenceline mentioned in my original email above, but are now spreading onto the park property as well. I thought you should know, as the fights, fires, and trespassing have continued/ increased in the last three months.

Thank you
Travis Woods
818-825-5272

On Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 8:22 AM Travis Woods <traviswoods2882@gmail.com>
<<mailto:traviswoods2882@gmail.com>> > wrote:

Thank you for following up on this, it's very much appreciated.

Best,
Travis Woods

On Wed, Nov 28, 2018 at 8:32 PM Albert Torres
<albert.torres@lacity.org> <<mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org>> > wrote:

Sir,
All the illegal encampments that you mentioned are located on Caltrans State Property. I will coordinate with all the agencies to support a unified effort for removal and follow up. As you have described, the encampments have a negative effect on the neighborhood, park, and it's patrons. We also want to collaborate with the homeless services professionals to outreach to any willing person out there.

Albert Torres

Captain
Park Rangers
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On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 1:08 PM Travis Woods
<traviswoods2882@gmail.com> <<mailto:traviswoods2882@gmail.com>> > wrote:

My apologies for the bother, but I need to report
a very large

western fenceline

Way, alongside the

small fires and fights
building break-ins in

Valley Plaza Library at
stretch north along the

scheduled for
busy, ongoing process),

increase in the homeless encampments along the the
of Valley Plaza Park in North Hollywood.

The fenceline runs from Van Owen Street to Sherman
Sherman Way East offramp of the 170 N.

Once again, these encampments have led to both
in the park at night, as well as near-constant
the apartment complex directly north of the park.

These encampments being directly west of the
12311 Van Owen Street, North Hollywood, and
fenceline up to Sherman Way.

If anything can be done, or if these area can be
cleaning/ removal at some point (I know it's a
it would be greatly, greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Travis Woods
818-825-5272